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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM -JAPANESE EMPEROR'S VISIT:

- DEPARTURE CEREMONY (S/S NO.7519298)

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM HABIB

1. THE PRESIDENT HAS AGREED TO GO TO BLAIR HOUSE WITH MRS. FORD AT NOON ON SATURDAY, OCT 4 TO BID FAREWELL TO THE EMPEROR AND EMPRESS. THIS UNUSUAL GESTURE WILL SYMBOLIZE AMERICAN RESPECT FOR THE EMPEROR AND JAPAN. WE WISH TO MAINTAIN THE APPEARANCE OF THIS BEING A SPONTANEOUS PERSONAL GESTURE BY THE PRESIDENT AND MRS. FORD TO MAXIMIZE ITS IMPACT. YOU ARE NOT EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS FAREWELL CALL.

2. WITH THE PRESIDENT'S DECISION IN HAND WE WISH TO FINALIZE THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE DEPARTURE CEREMONY, WHICH WILL BE HELD AT ANDREWS RATHER THAN THE ELLIPSE BECAUSE THE EMPEROR DOES NOT TRAVEL BY HELICOPTER. EVEN THOUGH THE PRESIDENT WILL BE INVOLVED AT BLAIR HOUSE, WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU HEAD THE FAREWELL COMMITTEE AT ANDREWS AS A FURTHER
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SYMBOLIC INDICATION OF THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS VISIT TO THE

JAPANESE AND TO US-JAPAN RELATIONS. YOU AND MRS. KISSINGER
WOULD DRIVE) TO ANDREWS, ARRIVING

BY 12:25 FOR THE DEPARTURE CEREMONY, WHICH WILL LAST ABOUT
5 MINUTES. IN ALL, ABOUT ONE HOUR OF YOUR TIME WOULD BE
INVOLVED. IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO BE PRESENT, WE WOULD
RECOMMEND THAT YOU ASK DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL TO REPRESENT YOU.

3. RECOMMENDATION.

THAT YOU AND MRS. KISSINGER HEAD THE FAREWELL
COMMITTEE AT ANDREWS.

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ALTERNATIVELY, THAT YOU ASK DEPUTY SECRETARY AND MRS.
INGERSOLL TO REPRESENT YOU.

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